

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/623,083

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/29/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17 and 19-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-17 and 19-22 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests the features of the claims, taken in light of the disclosure, specifically,

a multiplexer for providing a next address to the at least one register, the multiplexer being disposed outside of a critical timing path for addressing the shared resource.

a critical timing path for providing the address to the shared resource is defined by propagation of the clock signal to the at least one register and propagation of the address to the shared resource.
3. Closed related art include:

US 6,198,686 teaching memory device having row decoder wherein, it is necessary to delay control signal by a time in a timing generation circuit to generate a strobe signal and to provide it to the clock input CK of the row address register in order to hold row addresses in the row address register, where the signal propagation delay time to the data input of the row address register is the largest and the signal propagation delay time to the clock input CK of the row address register is the smallest.

Yasunobu Nakase, et al., Source-Synchronization and Timing Vernier
Techniques for 1.2-GB/s SLDRAM Interface, IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits, vol.
34, No. 4, Apr. 1999, pp. 494-501.

Song et al., "NRZ Timing Recovery Technique for Band-Limited Channels," IEEE
Journal of Solid-State Circuits, vol. 32, No. 4, pp. 514-520, (Apr. 1997).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later
than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on
Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Pierre-Michel Bataille whose telephone number is (571)
272-4178. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tue-Fri (8:00A to 5:30P).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Matthew M. Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4182. The fax phone number
for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

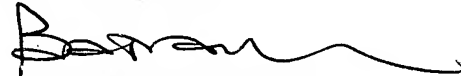
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